

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
POPULATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 18, 2002
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

George Pettit, Gilbert, Chairman
Lauren Brooks, Avondale
*James Crean, Buckeye
*Usama Abujbarah, Cave Creek
David de la Torre, Chandler
Rodney Cobb, El Mirage
Denise Ruhling, Fountain Hills
*Terry Yergan, Gila River Indian Community
*Ralph Vasquez, Gila Bend
*Kate Langford, Glendale
Janeen Hollomon, Goodyear

Mary Hoy, Guadalupe
*Duncan Miller, Paradise Valley
*Horatio Skeete, Litchfield Park
Tom Ellsworth, Mesa
Julie Romig for Matt Holm, Maricopa County
Prisila Ferreira, Peoria
Tim Tilton, Phoenix
Shawney Chadwell, Queen Creek
Harry Higgins, Scottsdale
*Tony Chinyere, Surprise
Mark Elma, Tempe
Mark Fooks, Youngtown

*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

John Zupon, Chandler
Tim Bolton, Peoria
Anubhav Bagley, MAG

Rita Walton, MAG
Harry Wolfe, MAG

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a .m. by Chairman George Pettit.

2. Call to the Audience

There were no requests from the audience to address the MAG POPTAC.

3. Approval of Minutes of May 21, 2002

It was moved by Harry Higgins, seconded by Denise Ruhling and unanimously recommended to approve the meeting minutes of May 21, 2001.

4. Preparation of New MAG Socioeconomic Projections

Anubhav Bagley explained that DES has not yet prepared projections of population for Maricopa County to serve as control totals for the MAG subregional projections. He noted that because MAG is targeting September for the development of new subregional projections, that we will be developing a control total to use until DES develops an official control total. The control total would be based upon a draft DES projection with some revisions.

Mr. Bagley said that he would be incorporating all comments received into the buildout scenario and that he would be working on subregional projections for 2005 and 2010 for the July meeting.

Harry Wolfe encouraged POPTAC members to share the draft projections with other departments within their jurisdiction to obtain additional input. He specifically mentioned the Planning Stakeholders Working Group and the Streets Committee. Rita Walton added that MAG would hold a workshop to review the projections; and that staff members from other departments were welcome to attend.

Prisila Fereirra asked about MAG staff notifying people in other departments about the workshop. Rita Walton indicated that MAG did not want to create confusion regarding the projections review process; but she offered to send an e-mail to POPTAC members explaining the intent of the workshop and the subjects that would be addressed. This could then be forwarded to other departments who might want to attend the workshop.

5. Preparation of July 1, 2002 Resident Population Estimates for Maricopa County and MAG Municipalities

Harry Wolfe reported that the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) would be developing a July 1, 2002 Maricopa County Resident Population Estimate this summer. He said that on June 28, 2002, DES will be forwarding to member agencies a survey to update information on population in Group Quarters; and that the deadline for returning updated information to DES is July 19, 2002. He encouraged members of the POPTAC.

6. Building Permit Completion Status Report

Harry Wolfe provided Building Permit Completion status report. He indicated that MAG had set a July 15, 2002 deadline to obtain all permit completions for the four quarters ending June 30, 2002. He asked for cooperation in obtaining the information from those member agencies that had not provided them. He also noted that if they were not provided to DES by their required deadline, they would not be able to be used in computing the July 1, 2002 Maricopa County Resident Population Update.

7. Census

Harry Wolfe reviewed nine Census 2000 tables that he had prepared, which transmitted information on: education, employment, income, industry, language at home, occupation, poverty, units, and housing value. He said that he would prepare additional tables comparing 1990 and 2000 census data.

8. Desert Peaks Award Banquet to Be Held on Wednesday, June 26, 2002

Harry Wolfe reported that the annual Desert Peaks Awards Banquet would be held on June 26, 2002 to recognize individuals and groups who had contributed to the advancement of the region. He encouraged members of the MAG POPTAC to attend the Banquet and noted that registration could be carried out on the MAG Website.

9. Assessors Data

Russ Heisinger, Manager of GIS at the Maricopa County Assessor's Office, provided an overview of GIS accomplishments at the office. He indicated that the Assessor's Office had made substantial progress in using GIS to enhance the efficiency of the office, and was working on efforts at determining the fair value of housing units.

Mr. Heisinger stated that the Office's three year conversion project transferred 25,000 pages of hard copy maps to about 2,500 electronic maps. He provided the address of the Assessor's Website (www.maricopa.gov/assessor/gis) and explained how the site can be used to extract maps and data.

Harry Wolfe stated that he had found the Assessor's Website very helpful in determining who owned a specific parcel and in carrying out basic mapping.

Mr. Heisinger noted that the Assessor's Office is working on a Property Information Management System (PIMS) to coincide with the secured master database and will be used to perform spatial analysis. He added that the next phase of the project is to scrub the data. He also mentioned that the Assessor's Office was averaging about 35,000 parcels a year, and 700 subdivisions; and that he hadn't seen a downturn in the building.

Mr. Heisinger said that the Assessor's Office was working on correcting inaccuracies in the mapping and that he was very interested in working with MAG member agencies to share data that would be mutually beneficial. He noted that his data needs included zoning information and site addresses and that obtaining data from the cities and towns would substantially reduce the Assessor Office's cost of doing business. Mr. Heisinger added that he would be happy to share with MAG any of the data that the Assessor's Office collects, as long as the data was not distributed or sold for commercial purposes. Mr. Heisinger urged POPTAC representatives to contact him via phone at (602) 372-1627 or e-mail him at rheisin@mail.maricopa.gov if they needed any data.

Mr. Heisinger indicated that the Assessor's program of collecting building permit information has improved considerably.

Mr. Heisinger noted that it takes one to two months for a lot split and two to six weeks for a subdivision.

Mark Fooks asked how much time it was taking for the Assessor's Office to process new parcels. Russ Heisinger responded that splits were being mapped within two weeks and subdivisions within 30 days.

Tim Tilton of Phoenix inquired whether the Assessor's office could possibly change its land use classifications to coincide with those used by MAG and the Arizona Planning Association. He said that since the Assessor's Office had people out in the field all the time, that they would be in an

excellent position to assist in the update of existing land use. Russ Heisinger responded that he would investigate the matter.

George Pettit asked what format the Assessors Office would like for the zoning information. Mr. Heisinger responded that he would prefer a shape file, or a CAD file; but that he would take information on paper as well.

Rita Walton pointed out is that what the Assessor's Office is missing on the parcels is the address. She said that if those addresses could be added, it would be of tremendous value.

10. New Developments

Members of the MAG POPTAC provided information on any new developments that had occurred since their last update.

Prisila Ferreira said that Peoria is working on a 50,000 person development that will be built over the next 20 years.

Lauren Brooks said that Avondale was getting a new Safeway Store.

David de la Torre said that Chandler has estimated that its population will reach 200,000 people in the August/September time period.

Tom Ellsworth reported that there were annexation issues in the East part of the City and that Mesa is conducting a study into infill policies for the development on the west side.

Mary Hoy said that Guadalupe had a new adult enterprise and that the Town didn't have any kind of ordinance in place to keep them out.

Lauren Brooks said that Avondale had just passed such an ordinance and agreed to share the ordinance with Guadalupe.

Shawney Chadwell said that Queen Creek has new Councilmembers, an additional 12 staff members and 67 new single family housing units.

George Pettit stated that single family housing construction is continuing in Gilbert and that a manufacturer is locating in the Town and bringing several hundred jobs. He also mentioned that Gilbert is expanding its waste water and drinking water facilities.

Mark Fooks reported that during the past year, Youngtown has had a 200 unit apartment complex completed. Youngtown is also planning for an 800 home subdivision.

Janeen Holloman said that the General Plan is under development and that growth is slowing.

Prisilla Freira said that Peoria broke ground on a 2,000 unit housing development.

11. Next Meeting of MAG POPTAC

Harry Wolfe indicated that the next meeting of the MAG POPTAC would be a workshop to review

the first set of socioeconomic projections; and that it would be held on July 16, 2002.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.